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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] The invention relates to a method and [[a]] an apparatus for controlling a secondary air stream in an internal combustion engine in which engine actuation signals and sensor signals from an engine control system are evaluated in a secondary air control unit and used as control parameters for regulating the secondary air stream.